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LEWIS VANDIVER² (Wm¹) b Frederick Co VA 18 Dec 1766 d Parkersburg VA/WV 3 Feb 1844 bur Parkersburg VA/WV m c 1787 MARTHA "PATSY" JAMES b 1765 d 7 June 1807. In 1808 Lewis Vandiver purchased 279a on Patterson's Creek Hampshire Co VA (near Burlington Mineral Co WV). The farm was left to his son Archibald. Archibald willed it to his son Chas H. The early house was burned during the Civil War by Union Forces and in 1863 a lovely brick house was built. In 1938 Mr and Mrs G H Ebert Sr bought the farm which Lewis had purchased in 1808. Now Mrs Ebert and her son and family live there. The farm is called "Walnut Lane Farm". Each Christmas a 22' tree is "put up" in the hall. A cannon ball bed which belonged to Chas H Vandiver is in use in the front bedroom. Ch of Lewis and Patsy James Vandiver (all ch b Hampshire Co VA near Burlington WV): *b. July 1788
15' 6 5 in wood Co, WV*

- 1 Thos Vandiver m (1) Eliz Kincheloe (2) Frances Prince.
- 2 Eliz Vandiver m (1) Geo Jas Creel (2) Joab Moberly.
- 3 Ann "Nancy" Vandiver m Geo Parker.
- 4 Jacob Vandiver m (1) Jane Singleton (2) Frances M Kennon. *Dane Lord for County & 1st Methodist church, in 1803*
- 5 Abraham Vandiver m Anna Matilda Eskridge. *went to Missouri Shelby Co.*
- 6 Kate Vandiver b 6 Sept 1795.
- 7 Joyce B Vandiver m Elias Kincheloe.
- 8 Susan Vandiver m (1) Angus Holliday MD (2) Mr Holtzman (3) Geo Weaver.
- 9 Rachael Vandiver b 11 May 1801 m (1) H Ralston (2) John Dunn (had one son by Ralston). No more data.
- 10 Archibald Vandiver m Rebecca Williams.
- 11 Sam'l Vandiver m Carolyn Hyder.

THOS VANDIVER³ (Lewis² Wm¹) b Hampshire Co VA (Mineral Co WV) 18 July 1788 d Wood Co WV 1865 will recorded Wood Co WV m (1) 1817 ELIZ KINCHELOE (dau of Dan'l Kincheloe Jr and Jane Chinn) b Wood Co VA (WV) 1794 d 30 Mar 1824 (2) 27 Jan 1828 FRANCES PRINCE. In 1850 Thos Vandiver was living with his bro Abraham in Shelby Co MO. In 1860 he was living with G H Edmonds and family.

in Hampshire Co. we do not know. Rev. J.J. Jacobs was licensed to preach in 1739 and he lived near where Greenespring now is. Bishop Asbury traveled through this section and a Jacob Vandiver was licensed to preach by him. Another Vandiver was named Asbury, doubtless after the Bishop. When the first Methodist church ^{was} organized at Burlington we do not know, or when the Presbyterian church was formed. However both these denominations held services in the old log structure that the Baptist had used, and we have no record when the Baptist discontinued the use of the building or if there had been an agreement of any sort.

No record has been found as to when the Presbyterian church and the Methodist South organized a community church. While the old log structure was used a Sunday School was organized by Mrs. Harriet Wilson (wife of Dr. J.S. Wilson) a Presbyterian and the community attended and since there has been only one church building, one congregation and two ministers at Burlington ever-since, more than a hundred years. There has always been a fine Christian Fellowship between these two denominations and many families have members in both.

The first houses of worship on the hill at Burlington had out lived its usefulness after some fifty years, and on January 22 1853 John and Nancy Blackburn Vandiver (they lived at The Hotel) and William and Ann Carrington Vandiver (they lived at Pleasant Hill what is now the Thrush home) conveyed the meeting house lot, including the grave yard, to John T. Pearce (he lived where the Bane Bros. now live) and Dr. John S. Wilson, two Presbyterians and John and William Vandiver two Methodist, as trustees.

There was then a contract drawn up for building a new church at the same location to be used by both denominations. It was to be 30 by 40 feet with a gallery over the door in front of the pulpit. It was to be 15 feet wide with five raised seats with backs. Of course this gallery was for the colored folks.

There were taverns built along the road to take care of the travelers and stage drivers and for meals and there was much competition among the stage drivers on making time. Every twenty miles there was a toll gate, and now and then there was a mile stone. A little east of the Homestead Hotel at Burlington there was a sand stone about two feet above ground and about a foot square $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ and engraved on it was " eleven miles to Romney".

A bridge was built across the South Branch near Romney about 1837 and presumably the old covered bridge at Burlington was built about the same time. During the Civil War the soldiers used the covered bridge for shelter and the mules and horses certainly did chew on the supports. This old land mark was replaced in the 1920's when the Northwestern Turnpike was rebuilt and renamed Route # 50 or Geo. Washington Highway. When this highway was first built the married men received fifty cents a day and the single men not quite so much. The account of this road is given since it passes through Burlington and has been the means of travel for so many years.

The first trails and paths along Patterson Creek were close to the stream, and as more people came into the valley and established homes new and better roads were needed. This was the stream traveled by the surveying party that included George Washington and George Fairfax.

The Patterson Creek Turnpike company was organized to build a road to follow the valley, and stock was sold to procure the necessary funds. A stock certificate shows that William Vandiver purchased six shares at \$25. per share. This is dated Nov. 15 1851. Thomas Carskaden was President of the company and D. Samuel Brady was Treasurer. In recent years it has been improved vne many sharp curves have been changed. Both of these roads passing through Burlington were routes to eastern markets and as late as 1890's and the early part of this century droves of cattle horses, hogs, and sheep passed over them and even flocks of turkeys.

The old Dug Road was east of the creek and at the foot of Bear Hill on Vandiver land and had been "dug" by the owner with slave labour. This was a private road and was made to get to Pleasant Hill the Vandiver home. Just north of Route 50. another road was made by Arch Vandiver to his home at Walnut Lane Farm. They are still used by the Thrush and Ebert families who live on the old Vandiver homesteads.

Another road that served the Burlington section in early days was the Dry Run Road, which is one mile west of Burlington. This is a short cut to Keyser and in "horse and buggy days" it served a very good purpose. In wet weather it was hard to travel as the road crossed and recrossed the run so many times. One little girl claimed to have counted fifteen crossings before Fried Meat Ridge was reached. When the county had the up keep of the roads this one each citizen in the neighborhood gave so many days labor.

A Toll Gate was located at the south side of Burlington on the Patterson Creek road and Mrs. Katie Carroll operated it for several years. The nearest Toll Gate on the Northwestern Turnpike was located near the top of Knobley Mt. just after passing through the gap, and Mrs. Rodrick was the "keeper".